

Automated Commercial Environment—Requirements Recommendation

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Requirement

ACCOUNTS BASED PROCESSES WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The Government and the Trade must agree that an Account based approach to obtaining data for the new ACE system is desirable. The data collected by this method includes parties to the transaction (shippers, sellers, consignees, buyers, manufacturers, brokers, forwarders, carriers, etc.) Additionally information about people in charge of the conveyance and their passengers is needed. Information about the conveyance, goods, entry number ranges is needed. This will allow this data to be submitted one time, link to the account, and avoid sending this data over and over on transactional basis.

Customs and the Other government agencies can then decide on a matrix of the parties, conveyances, people, and goods a risk level and exam level. Pre-approval of the goods can also be a benefit to the other agencies. They can restrict for certain commodities from particular suppliers and also pre-approve for others. This could also be a means for providing information for census overrides by supplier and commodity.

Business Need

This is important to the Trade because the need to send this data over and over on transaction basis is costly and unnecessary. It also gives the trade more confidence that the transactions will flow smoothly since Customs and the other government agencies can perform their selectivity processes in advance. This will enhance the release process thereby making the border crossings more efficient and reduce delays. It will also allow Customs to employ Risk Management policies for the various Tracks. Currently 4 Tracks.

Technical Need

The need here is for timely, accurate submission of data 24x7. Various methods using standard data interchange methodologies and standards. A method for low volume participants and high volume participants.

Benefits

The benefits are for the Trade and the Government. Improved release times, less transmission of redundant data, less storage of data, improvement in compliance with government regulations, more timely method to perform selectivity, and use of Risk Management processes.

Risks

The Government needs to employ this with 24x7 availability with redundancy. If this data is

not available in this manner for the release process the border will back up with incomplete transactions. Customs has demonstrated over the years that they cannot reliably execute written down time procedures. They are implemented differently in each port and often differently from one inspector to another. The costs of catching up when the systems are available costs Customs and the Trade considerable more than designing a system that eliminates the possibility of downtime.

Related Subcommittees

Communication, Entry, Multi-Modal, Architecture, Entry, Census.

Priority: **Critical** ☐ **High** ☐ **Medium** ☐ **Low** ☐

Customs Use Only

Approved ☐

Not Approved ☐

Further Evaluation Required ☐